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TARGET SET FOR POPULATION CONTROL
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the names of the States which are achieving target set under the Population Control Programme sponsored by the Union Government;

(b) whether any assistance or incentive is provided to the States for achieving the targets fixed for them; and

(c) if so, the details thereof alongwith the assistance provided to each State during each of the last three years?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI A. RAJA)

(a) to (c) Since April 1st, 1996 the `Target Free Approach (TFA)` has been adopted all over India and focus laid on decentralized participatory planning based on a Community Needs Assessment Approach (CNAA).Under this new approach, attention is being paid to enlarging areas to basic and essential family welfare services and ensuring community participation in the implementation of the Family Welfare Programme at the grass-root level. For the country as a whole the achievements under the `National Family Welfare Programmes`, have been quite substantial. Some States/UTs like Goa, Nagaland, Delhi, Kerala, Pondicherry, Andaman & Nicobar Islands, Tamil Nadu, Chandigarh and Mizoram have already achieved goals set for the year 2010 and States/Uts like Manipur, Daman & Diu, Karnataka, Andhra Pradesh, Himachal Pradesh, Sikkim, West Bangal, Maharashtra, Punjab, Arunachal Pradesh and Lakshadweep are close to achieving the goals. However, other States are lagging behind primarily on account of slow achievements of socio-economic indicators.

National Family Welfare Programme continues to be a centrally sponsored programme.Assistance given to States has nearly doubled over the last five years for maintenance of family welfare infrastructural units, supply of drugs, contraceptives and extending maternal and child health care services. The States, which show better performance in family welfare, receive higher allocations in the budget depending on the performance particularly in respect of supply of contraceptives, compensation for sterilizations/IUD insertion and area specific programmes.